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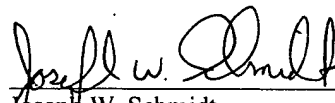
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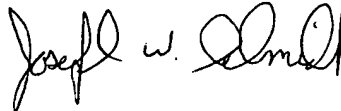
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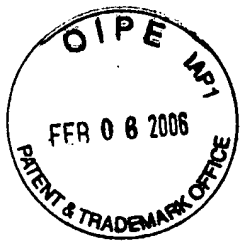
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Respectfully submitted,

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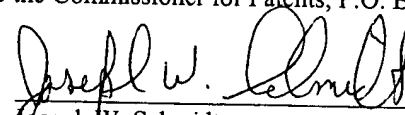
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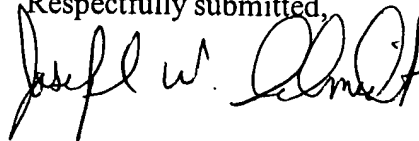
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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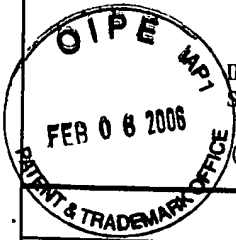
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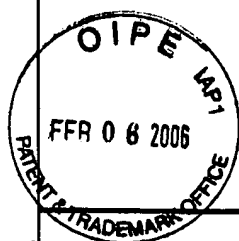
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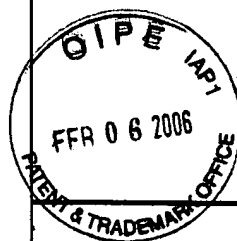
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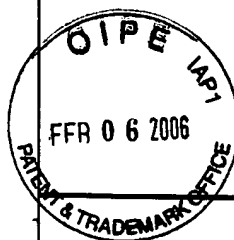
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